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: Group Art Unit: 2622
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: For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)
: SYSTEM AND APPARATUS,)
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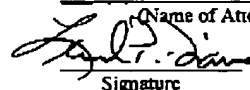
In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2004, the Examiner is
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